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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE

APPLICATION OF: Fuerst et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/737,265

FILED: December 13, 2000

FOR: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY
FOR FLAT FLEXIBLE CIRCUITRY

EXAMINER: P. Nguyen

ART UNIT: 2833

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: A1-051 US

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT "B"

In response to the Office Action of December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the paragraph beginning with "Figure 2 shows first flat flexible circuit 16..." on page 7, line 1 of the original specification and replace it with the following:

Figure 2 shows first flat flexible circuit 16 wrapped around edge 22 of first male body member 24, with first conductors 14 of the circuit facing away from the first body member at the edge. The circuit is wrapped around resilient strip 26 which is effective to bias first conductors 14 toward second conductors 18 of second flexible circuit 20. Flexible circuit 16 is held and located in wrapped condition about male body member 24 by a positioning means in the form of an adhesive applied to opposite faces of the body member in areas appropriate for adherence to the flexible circuit. It is contemplated by the invention that the adhesive could be applied alternatively to the flexible circuit, the result being that the adhesive joins the body member and the flex circuit. By using the adhesive, the overall envelope of the body member can be maintained to be very thin.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "B" in the above-identified application.

2. The fee for filing this Amendment "B" has been calculated as follows:

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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PAID FOR | NO. EXTRA CLAIMS | | TOTAL |
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XX The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-1873. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: March 18, 2002

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